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**BellSouth Interconnection Services**

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**Carrier Notification  
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Date: November 13, 2001

To: Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs)

Subject: CLECs – **REVISED** - Local Service Ordering Guide Version 5 (LSOG 5) and Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Local Mechanization Specifications Version 5 (ELMS 5) (Originally posted on July 19, 2001)

In order to better serve its customers, BellSouth **initially** planned to implement adopted changes from the most current industry guidelines, LSOG 5 and ELMS 5. BellSouth held its Kick-Off meeting on May 3, 2001, and during the June 27, 2001 Monthly Status meeting, BellSouth advised the CLECs through the Change Control Process (CCP) of the tentatively scheduled LSOG 5/ELMS 5 Release for May 2002.

**On October 24, 2001, BellSouth advised the CLECs, via the CCP, that BellSouth will not implement ELMS5/LSOG5 on May 4, 2002, and is targeting a March 2003 implementation of LSOG6/ELMS6. BellSouth will provide to the CLECs through the CCP, a draft scope statement and draft user requirements in the second quarter of 2002. A more exact timeframe for the dates of these exchanges will be determined through the CCP.**

**The Ordering and Billing Forum (OBF) has agreed on the LSOG6/ELMS6 recommended implementation dates. The OBF draft documentation for LSOG6/ELMS6 includes all of the functionality of LSOG5/ELMS5. BellSouth has implemented much of the functionality offered in LSOG5/ELMS5 in Telecommunications Industry Forum 9 (TCIF9). As a result, BellSouth will focus its resources and attention on mandated functionality and CCP prioritized initiatives.**

Please contact your BellSouth account team representative if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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